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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Manabu Kitamura et al.

Application No.: 09/991,219

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: COMPUTER STORAGE SYSTEM
PROVIDING VIRTUALIZED
STORAGE (AS AMENDED)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3936

Examiner: Brian J. Gillis

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2141

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.